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#### AS YOU VIEW IT

When I am tired and weary,  
And nothing goes my way,  
I thank the heavenly Father  
For two nights to every day.

But when, once more, I'm rested  
And all the world looks right,  
I thank Him that He sends me  
Two days to every night.

There's the pause before the battle,  
There's the respite from the fray;  
And that is how I reckon  
Two nights to every day.

When the sunset glow has faded,  
In a little while 'tis light!  
And that is how I reckon  
Two days to every night!

And so 'tis due, believe me,  
To the way we look at things,  
Whether we sigh and falter,  
Or whether we soar on wings!

—From Poems of Pep and Point  
for Public Speakers.

#### THE GROUND OF



"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in  
the morning," Psalms 30:5c.

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## NOTICES

### SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS FOR ASSISTANT OVERSEER OF SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

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with General Overseer—April 20-May  
3.

Louisiana State Convention—May  
10-13.

Arkansas State Convention—May  
17-27.

B. T. S. Closing—May 28-31.

Colorado State Convention—June 8-  
10.

Missouri State Convention—June  
14-24.

New Mexico State Convention—June  
26-July 4.

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6-15.

Texas State Convention—July 16-  
22.

Kansas State Convention—July 26-  
Aug. 5.

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who may be moving here or just vis-  
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at this Spirit-filled, friendly church.  
—Manuel F. Campbell, pastor.

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Anyone having loved ones or friends  
here in LaJunta or at LaJunta Air  
Base, please write me and we will be  
glad to contact them. Our little church  
is located at 114 W. 10th Street. We  
need your prayers. Any Church of  
God minister passing this way will  
find a hearty welcome.—Sister Nezzie  
Clark, pastor, 114 W. 10th St., LaJunta,  
Colo.

#### God Will Answer Prayer

LENOX, Ga.—I praise the Lord for  
answering prayer. I have a boy in the  
Army; he has been across and was on  
the front line for four months, but  
God undertook and brought him  
home. He was shell shocked but  
through it all and many more escapes  
God stood by him. He will tell me it  
was just the power of God that  
brought him home.

I just want to say to the mothers  
who have boys in Service, just hold  
on to God for He will answer prayer.  
Please pray for my boy to be saved.  
—Sister J. W. Pierce, Rt. 2.

### ACCORDION FOR SALE

A good accordion of Car-  
men make for sale at the price  
of \$140. The case is worn but  
can be recovered. Write the  
Editor.

### The Lord Knows Best

DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala.—I praise  
the Lord for His keeping power and  
saving grace. I am a member of the  
Church of God at Double Springs, Ala.  
I have been a member about eight  
years and it grows sweeter every day.  
My husband is in the Army and I lost  
my baby June 25, but the Lord knows  
best. Please pray that I will stand true  
to God, and pray for my husband.—  
Mrs. Donia Grace.

### Thanks

PLAINS, Ga.—I thank every one for  
your nice letters, tracts and papers  
which I have received since my request  
was published in the Evangel. I can-  
not answer all but I want you to know  
I have been blessed greatly by hearing  
from you. May God bless each one of  
you.

I am saved and sanctified but still  
want your prayers for myself and fam-  
ily and two brothers overseas.—Mrs.  
H. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 70.

He who puts his trust in God is run-  
ning no risk of being deceived.

### SOLDIER'S WEEKLY — LETTER —

#### IT PAYS TO BE READY

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Dear  
brothers and sisters of the Church of  
God, I am happy to have the privilege  
of testifying for my Lord, so happy  
to be a member of the great Church  
of God. Some glad day after while I'm  
looking for the return of my Lord. I  
am glad He said, "Let not your heart  
be troubled: ye believe in God be-  
lieve also in me. In my Father's house  
are many mansions. I go to prepare a  
place for you. And if I go and prepare  
a place for you, I will come again, and  
receive you unto myself; that where  
I am, there ye may be also. I will never  
leave thee, nor forsake thee. And lo,  
I am with you always, even unto the  
end of the world. He that cometh to  
me I will in no wise cast out."

Dear friends, we have been in com-  
bat for some time now. I have seen  
so many boys, whom I knew person-  
ally, brought into the wards struggling  
for breath. They died and went out  
into eternity without being able to  
pray. Please pray for me that I may  
stay in the will of the Lord and be  
spared to return to my wife, who lives  
in Alabama.—Pvt. Edgar Allen Bigs-  
by, Medical Branch.

The man who is big enough to keep  
little is little enough to grow big.

### CLARKE'S COMMENTARY

We have in stock 29 sets of Dr. Adam Clarke's six-volume, cloth-  
bound sets of commentaries. This is new stock and represents all  
of these fine comments until there is a new edition put out; this  
will, however, be some months at the earliest. While these last we  
will offer them at \$15.00. Other publishing houses are selling these  
for \$18.00.

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fine sets consisting of six volumes bound in cloth. A letter from  
the publishers of these sets this morning advised that they are now  
out of print and that it will probably be the middle of the year or  
later before new stock can be obtained. While these last we will run  
them out at \$18.00, less 10 per cent for cash with the order. Better  
get yours NOW.

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# The General Overseer Speaks

JOHN C. JERNIGAN

## OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENTS

Text: "And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way," Numbers 21:4.

### INTRODUCTION

Discouragement is one of the most dangerous enemies of Christianity. It depresses the Christian's will and spirit. It promotes disobedience and impairs faith. It will blight confidence in God and all that is right. Several times discouragement defeated Israel, and has been known to play its part in the defeat of great armies. If discouragement is not overcome it will finally destroy one's Christian experience.

### ISRAEL DISCOURAGED AT KADESH-BARNEA

Before Moses sent messengers to the king of Edom asking for passage through his country, the children of Israel were already smarting from other discouragements. Their greatest disappointment was possibly the extended travelling time it would take to reach Canaan. Ordinarily it would have taken them but a few days to reach the promised land if they could have gone straight from Rameses. Up to this time they had already travelled sufficient number of miles, not only to have reached Canaan, but to have travelled all the way through the promised land also.

They had been dodging the Philistines and selecting what they thought to be the best way through the wilderness and were travel-stained, disappointed, and discouraged, almost to the point of turning back.

Kadesh was a city that Moses describes as being in the uttermost borders of Edom. The boundary lines of Edom are rather hard to trace, but the best we can understand, it was a tract of land about one hundred miles long running north and south between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Akaba, and about twenty miles broad. Israel desired to cross Edom the narrow way, but the king refused them

passage and threatened to attack them with the sword if they undertook to cross his land.

### THEY CHOSE THE DESERT

From Kadesh north to Canaan was only a few miles, but between them and the promised land were enemies, and to go straight into their inheritance would have brought on great battles which Israel hoped to avoid. Their request to cross the borders of Edom in peace was rejected, leaving them to choose between the sword and the desert. They chose the desert in preference to the sword of the Philistines, Hittites, Amorites, or Edomites.

Through the hot sands of the desert they suffered untold agony from thirst and hunger, which condition brought upon them great discouragement that led them to murmuring, rebellion and other sinful activities.

In order to avoid a fight or a little opposition, how often does the Christian choose the desert experience? If we had more faith and courage and fight within us, we would not be wandering around with a dried-up desert experience.

### AND THE SOUL OF THE PEOPLE WAS MUCH DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF THE WAY

The way around Edom was long, hot, and dry, and the thoughts of it were disheartening, and the realities were hard and discouraging.

The Christian does not have similar experiences of wilderness and desert travelling, but he does have his battles, temptations, trials, and disappointments. Sometimes the average Christian may feel that his experience is very nearly a duplication of the experience of the children of Israel plodding through the desert sands, hungry, and thirsty. The Christian might often avoid some of his desert travelling experience by seeking the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

Discouragements often create and feed temptations. Israel was in a deplorable condition. They had no bread and no water, their wives were hungry and thirsty and their children were crying. Long stretches of desert wilderness lay before them yet to be

crossed and they were already suffering from fatigue.

In the midst of their discouragement they found fault in Moses and spake against God. They accused Moses of bringing them into the wilderness to die. Their hearts went back to their homes in Egypt. They seemed to have gone spiritually blind, and their memories of the dreadful experiences under the taskmasters in Egypt seemed to fade. They remembered the fish, onions, and garlic, with the other better things they had enjoyed when serving the unmerciful masters in Egypt.

The Christian must not forget that the way of the sinner is hard and dreadful, and that labor under the taskmaster of sin is much more grievous than the burdens of the true Christian will have to bear.

### THE CHRISTIAN SHOULD TRAVEL CAUTIOUSLY

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil," Eph. 5:14-16.

Accepting the adverse experiences of the children of Israel as ensamples, and their troubles and sufferings as warning, we will do well to follow the advice of Paul and "walk circumspectly," which means that we should proceed cautiously, watchfully, guarding our steps well. The Christian cannot be too careful. Untravelled paths should be thoroughly sounded before setting foot on them. There are many dangerous pitfalls and traps and the enemy lies in wait for us.

Discouragements will breed more discouragements; giving up to one oftens invites another. It is easier to avoid discouragements than it is to overcome one after it has enveloped its victim. It is easier for you to stay on your feet when discouraged than it is to get up after discouragements have put you back on the ground. Every Christian should build up around himself a bulwark or fortifica-

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# RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

## Shortage of Pastors

A report that the Presbyterian Church has 1,500 churches without pastors was received from New York by RNS. There is an equal shortage among other movements, if we apply the law of average.

## The "Mite" Bible

The smallest Bible in the world was a reduced facsimile of the Oxford Bible, 936 pages, with illustrations by C. B. Birch, A.R.A. Only  $1\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$  inches. It was bound in real leather, with flaps, and had a magnifier.

## Preachers

Who preach that Christ saves from sin, but who do not live above sin, are like ministers who preach divine healing but who do not trust God for healing for themselves. In either instance they are poor examples of what Christ came to do for the human race.

## 100,000 Christian Jews

The Home Missions Council of North America recently reported through RNS that "about 100,000 Jews are members of Christian churches in the United States and Canada." Mrs. John Wilson Rood, secretary to the Committee of Approach to the Jews, said that there are about 145 ministers of Jewish background serving in Protestant churches.

## Prayer Conferences

The Assistant General Overseers, along with the overseers of states, are holding from a few to several days' prayer conferences in various states. This move in these critical times I deem most wise and praiseworthy. Much depends on prayer, and if we are to survive the apostasy which has befallen other movements, it will be done alone because we hold to God with an undeniable faith in His Word. If the Church of the early centuries was finally eclipsed by the powers of darkness, until Pentecostal signs and identity were lost, may we not well take heed unto ourselves lest we fail after the same example of unbelief and lack of prayer?

## Watch Your Subscription

The paper ration situation has become so acute, if not chronic, that many publishers have had to ration subscriptions to their publications, not allowing the subscription list to go above a certain number. Where subscribers in such cases allow their subscriptions to run out, they have to wait until they can renew later. Our situation here is not that bad yet, but we are passing through critical times, and do not know what we may be forced to do next due to paper shortage. Don't let your subscription run out.

## Sunday School Decline

*Watchman Examiner* reports that from 1916 to 1940 there was a decline in Sunday School enrollment of 12.6 per cent. In an endeavor to rally interest in Sunday School attendance, some fifty or more sponsors are endeavoring to promote a National Sunday School Convention as a means and college of thought from which it is hoped will spring some concrete methods of reviving Sunday School attendance throughout the nation. Such a meeting is scheduled to meet in Stevens Hotel in Chicago April 30-May 1. Greater Chicago Sunday School Association, the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, and the National Association of Evangelicals are among those cooperating.

## Prayer for Armed Men

I have done a great deal of praying for our armed forces, I have felt constrained to do so. I must confess, however, that I have forgotten to pray for our generals who lead our armies, as I should. Has this been true with you? Our concern must not be alone for the soldier, but for our command as well. And again I confess that while we pray for God to keep, deliver, and direct our armed forces, I have felt constrained by the spirit of consistency to pray as our Lord taught—for our enemies. Wouldn't it be unlike Christ to fail to pray for them! We are commanded to pray, "Thy kingdom come." This involves the whole fabric of mankind. Are our hearts kept sufficiently

tender and compassionate that we may pray for those who despitely use us?

## Reconciliation

The geologists claim that certain evidences are found in geology which indicate the earth is hundreds of thousands of years, and probably millions of years, old. This, they hold, is in contradiction to the scriptural claim that the earth is probably 6,000 years old. The Scriptures deal with the creation and history of man as covering a period of near 6,000 years. Gen. 1:1 points to the creation of the earth as a planet, or planetary system. Gen. 1:2 points to the earth after some kind of a cataclysmic judgment of God had befallen it, therefore waste and desolate. The first chapter of Genesis, after the third verse, tells of a re-creative period, a reorganization, with man created within the sixth creative day, or period. Scientists may, therefore, date their findings into millions of years, if they desire. The history of man, however, does not go back that far. The gulf of time between Gen. 1:1 and Gen. 1:2 is large enough for all the years the scientists want to use. The history of man dates from his creation, and not from the creation of the earth as a planet. There is no conflict between the Bible and science when and where science has become what it implies, i. e. classified knowledge. It is the egoists, "falsely so-called scientists," who try to point out a contradiction of the Genesis record.

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# To You . . . . .

MRS. RUTH STARNES

Acts 13:26, "... to you is the word of this salvation sent."

Paul was on his first missionary journey at the time these words were written. The sermon was preached at Antioch in Pisidia. It was on the Sabbath day and Paul and Barnabas visited the synagogue. They were strangers there, yet they desired to keep up a communion with the saints, hence we see them in the synagogue.

An invitation was given them to preach. It is probable that the rulers of the synagogue had met with them in private conversation before and if they did not have any affection for the gospel, they at least had a curiosity to hear Paul preach. So we see Paul invited to speak a word of exhortation to the people.

Paul gladly embraced the opportunity given him to preach Christ to the Jews. He exhorts them to receive and embrace Christ as the Messiah. He owns them to be God's favorite people. Even though God was the God of the whole earth, He was in a particular manner the God of Israel, in that He was in covenant to Israel.

Paul preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified to the people. He said, ".... to you is the word of this salvation sent."

Jesus said at His departure, "Preach the gospel to every creature." The disciples were to begin in their home town of Jerusalem. They were even to proclaim salvation to the very men that crucified Christ. Today we may ask, "To whom is the word of this salvation sent?" The Word is sent to all sinners who will hear it. The gospel today is a pardon to the condemned sinner. If you are bound down by sin today, Jesus is your pardon. He has come to set at liberty the captives, to heal the broken-hearted, to open the prison for those that are bound. The gospel is peace to the rebellious sinner. If you have rebelled against God today, there is peace for you if you will accept the Word of God.

1. What is the word of this salvation?

The Old Testament prophets prophesied many things concerning a Messiah for Israel. So this word of salvation is a testimony that Jesus is the

promised Messiah. Verse 23, "Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus." Jesus came from the seed of David. He came to earth to be a Savior and He alone is our only Savior. Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Jesus is the only true foundation. 1 Cor. 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Jesus is a Savior to all who will accept His redemptive work. The call today is to whosoever will. Dear Reader, are you bound down by the clutches of sin? Do you long for deliverance? Jesus is your Savior today. Will you not accept Him? I can imagine I hear the angel proclaiming Jesus' birth. Luke 2:11, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Yes, the promised Saviour has come and He has come to seek that which was lost.

This word of salvation is a word which promises forgiveness to all who exhibit repentance of sin and faith in the Lord Jesus. Verses 38, 39, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Yes, there is saving power in Jesus. Jesus was God's gift to men. God loved this world so much that He gave His Son to redeem lost mankind. We must repent of our sins, exhibit faith in Christ, then we will be forgiven.

The shield of faith is a defensive weapon that we have. If we have faith, we can be assured of success, for without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is a fundamental duty. The disciples asked Jesus, on one occasion, what they could do to work the works of God and Jesus told them to believe on Him whom God had sent. Faith is essential in prayer and should be united with love. We can see great examples of faith in Abraham, Caleb, David, Paul, and many others, who through faith sub-

dued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, and did many other notable works.

This word of salvation is the proclamation of perfect salvation, through the risen Savior. Verses 32, 33, "And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second Psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."

Jesus' work was perfect in every phrase. Rom. 1:4, "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." Jesus had power to pardon sinners, power over nature, power over His own life, and power to give eternal life to man. In Him is perfect deliverance from sin and those who believe in Him are justified from the guilt and stain of sin.

Christ's word is a word of salvation for it declares salvation. Rom. 10:9, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Acts 2:21, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

His word describes our salvation. Verse 38, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." Rom. 5:18, 19, "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

His word presents salvation to us with an invitation to come to Christ. Paul said, "To you is the word of this salvation sent." It is sent to us, for the gospel dispensation is a mission of mercy from God. The gospel is a message, Jesus is the Messiah, and the Holy Ghost Himself is sent to work salvation among men.

2. In what manner is the gospel sent to us?

The gospel is sent to us in the general commission which ordains that it be preached to every creature. Jesus told the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He said, in Luke 24:47, "And

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# God's Dynamite

REV. J. T. ROBERTS

*Text: "But ye shall receive power (Gr. "dunamis"; Eng., "dynamite"), after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8.*

If I could get the reader near one of these coal mines here in Alabama, just before they blast a coal vein, he would hear them hollo, "Fire-yo, fire-yo," and see every man run at that language. He knows it by heart. You can't stop him, and tell him that little fuse with spitting fire on one end and a sixty-pound pressure cap on the other, stuck down in a stick of Dupont dynamite, is not going to tear up something. He has followed the effects of it before. God knew that for men to quarry souls out of this hard resisting world, they would need power (dynamite) to blast and blow the devil out of the lives of men and women.

Hey! Wait! Listen! "But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the MINISTRATION of the SPIRIT be rather glorious?" 2 Cor. 3:7, 8.

Someone has said, "Don't call on the Holy Ghost too much, and say, 'Holy Ghost, do this or that.'" God's Word says that this is the MINISTRATION OF THE SPIRIT, 2 Cor. 3:8, and I have just enough gray matter left to believe that He can do more with this age than I can. This is His age. The name "Holy Ghost" or "Holy Spirit" occurs ninety-five times in the New Testament. He is mentioned over fifty times in Acts alone. He occupies a conspicuous place in this day and present dispensation, which is the "MINISTRATION of the SPIRIT." We have preached speaking in tongues as the initial evidence of His coming, and have said nothing about His work after He got here. Most every thought that we emphasize is about some work that we are doing, but little is said about what the Holy Ghost is doing. "When HE comes, HE will REPROVE the WORLD (give Him room to work) of SIN, and of RIGHTEOUSNESS, and of JUDGMENT," John 16:7. We are

trying to make ourselves believe that we can carry it on better without HIM. I am not going to try to fool myself.

But imperfectly realized, he is just as necessary to the spiritual life as the air is to the physical. Stop breathing and see what becomes of you. Stop courting the Holy Ghost's favor and friendship and see what becomes of your spiritual life. The frequent use of the personal pronoun "He" clearly implies that He is a person. In John 16:13 there are seven personal pronouns in one verse. All through the Scriptures acts are attributed to Him which could not be predicated to any mere influence, or emanation, or impression. Any being who knows, feels, and wills is a person. Many times when we preach Him as a person, many of our people think of Him in corporal terms (a material body, physical), such as hands, feet, fingers, toes, eyes, nose, mouth, and so on. These are not the marks of personality. A being that knows, feels, and wills, is a person, whether he is a body or not.

If our earthly life ends before the Lord returns, we will cease to have bodies, for the time being. Listen to the scripture, "Absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord," 2 Cor. 5:8. Though our bodies are in the grave, we shall not cease to be persons, so then we are the body of the Holy Ghost (the corporal, material, physical). "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the SPIRIT (Holy Ghost) of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Cor. 3:16. "Even the SPIRIT of truth; whom the world can not receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: BUT YE KNOW HIM; FOR HE DWELLETH WITH YOU, AND SHALL BE IN YOU," John 14:17. HE KNOWS, "And he that searcheth the hearts KNOWETH what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God," Rom. 8:27. Here knowledge is ascribed to Him. He knows the things of God. HE FEELS, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God," Eph. 4:30. This scripture lets me know that He has feelings. He has a WILL. "But all these worketh the one and the self same SPIRIT (Holy



Ghost), dividing to everyone severally as he WILL," 1 Cor. 12:11. He is not a power that we get hold of, but a real person that gets hold of us. Praise God forever! Get Him, and you will get God's dynamite with Him. Dynamite comes after you receive HIM.

## POWER OF THE SPIRIT, "JESUS NEEDED"

"Leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps," 1 Peter 2:21. Let us follow a few of His steps, and see where He went. His ministry did not start till He received the anointing of the HOLY GHOST. "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water, and, lo, the heavens opened unto him, and he saw the SPIRIT of God (Holy Ghost) descending like a dove, and lighting upon him," Matt. 3:16. Jesus knew that it would take more than education, eloquence, and earnestness to meet the devil He had to meet, and it will take more than that to meet the devil that you and I have to meet. "Jesus was led up of the SPIRIT (Holy Ghost) into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil," Matt. 4:1. How many men and women never come back from the wilderness of trial victorious, all because they do not have the leadership of the HOLY GHOST to bring them back. The devil said, "Command these stones that they be made bread," but the HOLY GHOST anointing that Jesus received at the Jordan, said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," Matt. 4:3, 4.

The devil taketh him up into the



holy city, out on the pinnacle of the temple, and told him to jump off, "and up into an exceeding high mountain, and shewed him all the kingdoms of the world," and said, "You can have all this if you will fall down and worship me." But Jesus had enough power (dynamite) of the Holy Ghost He had received at the Jordan to blast a clear way through the wilderness to victory. "It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God," and, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, him only shalt thou serve," Matt. 4:5, 6; 7:10. "The devil leaveth him," Matt. 4:11.

Jesus went into the wilderness with the Holy Ghost, and He came out with the anointing. "And Jesus returned in the POWER (dynamite) of the SPIRIT (Holy Ghost) into Galilee," Luke 4:14. We have no business tinkering with the devil. Without the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost, what will happen next? Jesus went to Nazareth where He was reared, and went to church on the Sabbath. They gave Him the Bible to read. He found the place where it was written, in Esaias, "The SPIRIT (Holy Ghost) of the Lord is upon me, (When did it come upon Him? At the Jordan, of course.) because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; (We are at the place that the only way the poor will get to hear it is for the Holy Ghost to anoint someone; if they have no money today, they hear no gospel.) he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord," Luke 4:18. He closed the book. I would like to have heard that Holy Ghost sermon, wouldn't you? "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power (dynamite), who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil," Acts 10:38.

#### WAIT FOR THE MOVING

David inquired of the Lord when the Philistines came against him, as to what to do. The Lord said not to go up against them, but come over against the mulberry trees, and WAIT, "and let it be, when thou hearest the SOUND of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the Lord go before thee," 2 Samuel 5:23, 24. David had to wait for the SOUND of the MOVING on the tree tops before he could stir. If he stirred before the SOUND and the MOVING, he stirred

without God.

I read of another company of God's followers, in Acts 2:3, 4, who waited for the MOVING and SOUND before they were to go out against the enemy, but finally the MOVING and SOUND came and they left. "And suddenly there came a SOUND from heaven as of a rushing (moving) mighty wind," Acts 2:3. Christ went up, the Holy Ghost came down, the Church went out in SPIRIT and POWER. This is an age of spiritual power, the market may be overstocked with preachers, but no possibility of it being overstocked with HOLY GHOST POWER. God says, "Tarry (stay there) until ye be endued with POWER" (dynamite), Luke 24:49. There are none better than our Christ, nor His disciples, and there is no use going without it.

"Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were MOVED by the HOLY GHOST," 1 Peter 1:21. There is no use to modernize, streamline, air condition, this Holy Ghost person to suit the taste of people. It takes a HOLY GHOST preacher to feed a HOLY GHOST congregation. It takes a HOLY GHOST congregation to eat HOLY GHOST preaching. "Take heed (regard with care) therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the HOLY GHOST hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God," Acts 20:28. The Church of God is a HOLY GHOST church. If you are not a HOLY GHOST preacher you can not feed it. Feed it what? A GOOD BALANCED DIET OF THE FULL GOSPEL TRUTH, not just a little of this or that, that will not hurt or suit some; but in season or out of season, under the inspiration of the Spirit and power of the HOLY GHOST, and leave the results with God; not by our might, nor by our own power, "but by my Spirit, saith God," Zech. 4:6.

The natural man will probably not receive this message. It probably will be foolishness unto him, talking in spiritual terms. It must be, "spiritually discerned," 1 Cor. 2:14.

#### PRAYER

"Men ought always to pray and not to faint," Luke 8:1. There is a strong inference here that if one does not pray fainting is inevitable; and, had you ever thought that one always faints at the wrong time? Right at the time that he is needed to help some one who is in trouble. The lost need our help.

## Genuine Religion

THOMAS GRASSANO, Evangelist

Deut. 10:12, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul."

The theory of evolution and the denial of the story of the flood has caused many modernistic Christians to scoff at the teaching of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Modernism has made many Christians who once possessed genuine religion to turn away from God and they have lost their love for pure, holy, sanctifying religion. 2 Tim. 3:3, "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof," a mere profession without possession. When churches, pastors, and laity show signs of modernism and formality in worshipping God, they have lost their love. My friends, when we lack the power of God and have lost the love of God He has stamped upon our souls, it is time to rekindle and awake from spiritual slumber.

The modern church today no longer emphasizes Christ but programs, propaganda, and pep. Christians who have genuine religion need not to emphasize propaganda and pep to stir up their people. What we need is passion and power, power with God to have power with men. People have gone to sleep and though they have gone to church week after week to shake themselves off, the Spirit of God has departed from some. Samson might have looked better after his hair was cut but he lost his power. When man tries to cut corners in the Word of God, he will lose his power with God.

When we possess that blood-bought, victorious, purifying, cleansing religion in our lives and are no longer conformed to this world and have the power of God within us, then can we say we have genuine religion. God our Father will then say, (Ezek. 36:28) "And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God."

# To You . . .

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that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." The gospel is sent to us in the providence which has brought us to hear the Word. We are living in a country where we are privileged to hear the Word. There is no excuse for ignorance. Paul, in his sermon on Mars Hill, told the people that God winked at the ignorance of the Gentile world before the gospel came to them, but now He commands men everywhere to repent. Before the gospel came to the Gentiles, they were grossly ignorant in the things of God. The prophets were sent to command the Jews to repent, but the apostles were sent to preach repentance and remission of sins to all nations.

Then the gospel is sent to us in the peculiar adaption of the gospel to our case. A medicine that suits a disease is evidently meant for that disease. Sin is the disease the human is infected with and the gospel of salvation is the remedy suited to the case. It would be a sad thing indeed, if we had to single out even one person and say, "This word is not sent to you." But the invitation is to those that will accept Christ. Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

3. In what position does the Word place us?

The gospel places us in a position of singular favor. Prophets and kings died without hearing what we hear. Jesus told the disciples in Matt. 13:17, "For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which we see and have not seen them, and to hear those things which ye hear and have not heard them." The Old Testament saints had glimpses and glimmerings of gospel light, but they coveted earnestly further discoveries. They had types, shadows, and prophecies of these things, but they longed to see the substance. They desired to see the great salvation, the consolation of Israel. Though they desired to see these things, God had determined not to bring them to light yet.

The gospel places us in a position of notable indebtedness to martyrs and men of God in past ages and in these days, for these have lived and died to

bring to us the gospel. We aren't persecuted now like some of the men of God that have passed on before us were persecuted. Paul had to face Nero's block, Stephen was stoned, John was banished on an island to die for the Word of God. There are others we could mention, who have died for the gospel, and we are indebted to these great characters.

The gospel places us in a position of hopefulness, for if we accept it we can live. Col. 1:5, "For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word in the truth of the gospel." The happiness of heaven is called our hope. This hope is set before us as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.

The gospel places us in a position of serious responsibility, for if we neglect it we shall not escape. We have a great salvation given to us and we are responsible for the way we receive it. Some people will tell you they believe in Jesus, yet they continue in their own sinful ways and God is not pleased with this. Jesus gave up His home in heaven and came down to earth to redeem lost mankind. He bore the sins of the whole world in His body on the tree. How can we do less than serve Him?

4. In what manner will we treat this Word?

Friend, how are you treating Christ today? You may say you are not against Him, yet if you aren't serving Him your actions speak for themselves. We are either for or against Him. There is no neutral ground. Will you basely and foolishly delay your reply? This is a very dangerous course and many perish in it. The enemy of our souls is trying to get us to put off accepting Christ, but today is the day of salvation, tomorrow may be too late.

Will you play the hypocrite and pretend to receive the gospel, while in your heart you reject it? No hypocrite can get to heaven. The Pharisees boasted of their religion. They kept the outward laws, paid tithes, prayed long prayers and fasted, yet their hearts were far from God. No form of salvation is enough. We must have a personal experience with God.

Will you act the part of the temporary convert? Many people claim to get saved, yet it's not what we profess but what we possess that's going to carry us to heaven. Some people will lay off the things of the world for a while, then pick them up again, but God doesn't want a temporary con-

# CALL TO REPENTANCE

The call of repentance is the greatest calling to mankind. It is the first call, and it comes from our Brother Peter on the day of Pentecost as the Crucifiers of Christ wanted to know what to do. In St. Luke 13, the lesson about the punishment of the Galileans, Christ plainly taught them that because they suffered such things they were not sinners above all the Galileans, but except they repent they should all likewise perish. Oh, that people could see that all sinners don't have to be murderers or thieves or drunkards to be lost, but except they repent and believe on Jesus and receive Him as their own personal Savior they shall perish. The unrepented person is condemned now to perish, and except he repent he will perish. True repentance and tears go together. 2 Cor. 7:10a, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." More people today need to obey the call to repentance than ever before. St. Luke 24:47a, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations." May God speed the day when more humanity will come to repentance.

Repent, be penitent, sorrowful with a contrite spirit, and God will abundantly pardon. Psalm 34:16, "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth." Verse 18, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Some might say, "I've heard repentance preached a long time, I'd like to hear other sermons much better." My friend, have you obeyed the call and repented? If you have, Amen; if not, this message

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vert. 2 Peter 2:21, "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them."

The gospel is sent as a word of life to the dead. Sinner friend, this word of salvation is sent to you today. Will you not accept this word with delight? Jesus is longing to speak peace to your troubled soul. Accept the invitation today before it is too late, for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. God bless you.





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## FROM THE LAND OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

We had just started to settle down after moving to Palmer when the house we had rented was bought by another person and we had to make one more move to a 19x14½ feet (former) chicken coop. However, there are others in Palmer who live in the same kind of coops as the housing situation here is like some of the defense areas.

My first move was a trip north on the Alaska Railroad to the Suntrana coal mine where there are many G.I. men working. I had the privilege of preaching to the few families and men there. They have to work seven days a week, nothing but a steady drag day after day. Some of them are a pitiful sight. Many of these men have been in action on the chain, thus becoming a little hardened, but the gospel of Christ can soften them.

I have made several trips north and have been able to get a good outlook of the spirituality of the little towns along the road and, also, to see what is being done to preach the gospel that saves, keeps and satisfies. I have an opening to hold services in a schoolhouse in a little town called Talkeetna after the first of the year. I shall be going there twice a month. It is about a three hours' ride on the train from here. This town used to be almost entirely native but now there are mostly old-time sourdoughs who

are spending their last and few remaining days on old-age pensions. I ask that all who read this article pray for places like Talkeetna. These old-timers made fortunes in the gold rush but today are barely existing, having wasted their substance in wild living. Now they have come to the end of the way and they still lack the most precious possession in life—life eternal.

A few weeks ago we started a Sunday School in a small town called Wasilla, ten miles from Palmer. We had seventeen the first Sunday and twenty-one the next. It was a beautiful sight to see those children wading through snow to come to Sunday School. There had not been any Sunday School in town for some time.

As yet, we have been unable to start any services in Palmer but we plan to start some cottage prayer meetings after the first of the year. Some homes have opened their doors for us to have prayer meetings.

Now, I think that almost everyone in the United States who has merely read about and not seen any of this country here in Alaska, has the wrong idea of what this country is like, what is here, the way the people live, and the kind of people who live here. In the Matenуска Valley, which is a farming country, there are only a few native Indians. The remainder are white people who have come from the States. In the territory where I shall be laboring there are very few In-

dians and no Eskimos. They live farther north. There are a few left but their number is diminishing rapidly because every year tuberculosis takes a large toll of their race. There is danger that in time, unless more is done to combat this disease, they will become extinct. This is true of the Indians, as well as the Aleuts.

The white man is largely responsible for these existing conditions as he was the one who introduced vice and liquor to them.

Liquor is one of the worst evils in Alaska. I have seen bootlegging days in the States and, also, many drunkards, but I have never in all my travels seen so much liquor used as in Alaska. To give you an idea about liquor, take the city of Anchorage, Alaska, the largest and most forward city in the territory. It has fifty-four liquor stores and seven grocery stores. On one of my trips, the St. George carried eleven tons of cargo for a small fishing town. Ten of those eleven tons were whiskey and beer. This was to stock up their winter supply as the boat was to make only a few more trips that season. This is the picture that best paints Alaska in its truest outlook. Although there are a few precious people who love the Lord, they are so few and far between that one must say Alaska needs to hit the sawdust trail which leads to the old-time mourners' bench.

The scenery of Alaska is unsurpassed. The mountains, white with snow and ice, make a very beautiful

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This is the "chicken coop" in which Brother Savchenko and family live.



Rev. George Savchenko and family

# News from Bible Training School and College

## A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH

Every year the Lord pours out such wonderful blessings at Bible School that we feel it would be impossible for Him to send greater blessings, for our pitchers are already running over; but each year He enlarges our numbers and increases the size of our pitchers so we can contain still larger blessings and, yet, every year our pitchers are made to overflow again.

This year our blessings have been so great that we wish to share them with you, so we are giving you below the experiences of some of our students. Others will appear from time to time. — Publicity Committee; Mrs. Hershall Green, Chairman.

### A CALL TO RUSSIA

This summer I conducted a revival in the Burlington Church of God, Knoxville, Tennessee. It did not seem to be successful so I felt heavily burdened. One night I came in from the service tired and with a deep passion to see the salvation of souls. I sat down in a chair and began to cry and meditate upon the Lord. After I had prayed a while, I felt that there was another presence in the room—not a human, but a divine presence. It was exactly as I believe Moses felt—I was on holy ground. After this I felt so much closer drawn to my Lord and Master that I wanted to do something greater than evangelistic work, but I felt that possibly that was where He wanted me.

After I retired I dreamed that I was standing in a great harvest field, and as far as I could see, north, south, east and west, there was nothing but wheat. I looked, and behold there were only a half dozen workers in the whole field, but they were doing their best. I looked heavenward and saw a huge, dark cloud. This I knew was bad, for if it rained it would mean that there would be a destruction of that great wheat field. I awakened, and the first thing that I thought of was, "The harvest is ripe, and the laborers are few."

I fell asleep again, and in another dream I thought I was sailing on the ocean. I looked for land, but for a long time none could be seen. Finally, I saw land and I thought the buildings

were like Russian architecture. I pondered these things in my heart, and told no one. I really wondered if God wanted me to go to Russia, for I had no proof that Russia was the country I saw. After I came to school this year, I was letting the devil defeat me in my mission experience. I kept telling myself that I didn't have a call—it was only a dream!

One Wednesday morning, in our chapel service, the Lord took control and we all prayed, yes, from the bottom of our hearts. I was burdened for some friends that needed to be drawn to the Lord, and decided to pray for them; but the Lord came down and took over. The Lord took me to France, and I preached there. Christ was with me and helped me in preaching. As I preached of the story of the crucifixion, He demonstrated His nail-scarred hands and I thought many souls were saved there. The Lord then asked, "Wayne, would you be willing to serve me here?" I replied, "Yes, Lord, here or anywhere." Then the Lord took me to China, and to India, and I preached in both countries, and was asked the same question. Finally, the Lord took me to Russia, and there, I preached to souls that had never heard the gospel. It seems that their souls were hardened, and they had no desire for Christ, nor showed any response to the call of Christ Himself. I then realized that this would be the hardest country in which to work. Then the Lord turned to me and asked: "Wayne, would you be willing to serve me here?" My answer was, "Yes, Lord, here." Christ looked at me, and with the sweetest smile said, "My son, this is where I want you."—Wayne C. McAfee, Maryland.

### A CLASS IN SPANISH

One of the outstanding practices in Bible Training School is to have prayer before each class. Some of the greatest blessings the students have received in these opening prayers.

There was one particular day that I especially remember. The Lord had wonderfully blessed in chapel, and all the students were feeling the presence of the Lord. We went to Spanish with the intention of learning some more Spanish, but the Lord had other plans for us. Sister Myers asked if we had any special requests for prayer. Every-

one poured his heart out and told the class just how he felt. The power of the Lord fell, and we started to pray.

Several of the students had felt they had a call to foreign fields but were not sure of the country to which they were called. That afternoon God revealed His will to different students. One of the girls was called to China and accepted the will of God. One of the boys had sought the Lord for quite a while to know just where He wanted him to work. God completely satisfied him and called him to Mexico. Several other students felt and accepted the call of God to different foreign fields.

We certainly appreciate the great blessings of the Lord. Pray that God will have His way in each of our lives, and guide and direct our every step.—Virginia J. Long.

## JAP PRISONERS SERENADED WITH CAROLS BY MARINES ON CHRISTMAS, '43

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—(Delayed)—Now it can be told, this Christ story a little over one year old.

It was Christmas Eve and the world was still chilled while reading delayed accounts of the ferocious Battle of Tarawa.

Yet, in the true spirit of Christ, on Christmas Eve of 1943, a group of United States Marines went to the prisoners' compound here and serenaded the prisoners from Tarawa with Christmas carols, according to Staff Sgt. William C. Harris, a Marine Corps combat correspondent.

Machine guns surrounded the area and it was apparent that enemy prisoners thought they were being prepared for mass execution when they were lined up before the Marine carolers.

When the chaplain with the Marines indicated the program had concluded, one of the Japanese stepped forward and expressed his gratitude "as a Christian" and several of the others shouted, "Merry Christmas."

Those same singing Marines even then were preparing to invade the Marshall Islands. They departed a few days later. With them in the invasion was the Navy chaplain who arranged the strangest singing bee, Lt. George P. LaBarre, former rector of an Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, Va.—From Marine Corps Battle News.

# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## PRAY FOR:

My mother's health to be restored; me. — Audrey Francisco, Brooklandville, Md.

The complete healing of my baby; my body to be healed, I am so nervous; God to undertake for my two brothers in Service and a brother-in-law in France; God to undertake for my grieved parents and sister; my companion and children.—Sister Odell Clemons, Baxter, Tenn.

The healing of my body; my husband to be saved and healed.—Mrs. O. G. Runnels, 209 Hunt St., Greenville, Miss.

I am very sick and need prayer. If there are any Christians or a church close to Del Rio, Tenn., please let me know at once; my two brothers in the Armed Forces, one who has been wounded and is in the hospital, and one with a nervous disorder in a hospital in Rome.—Josie Leopard, Rt. 1, Del Rio, Tenn.

God to heal me of T. B. and other afflictions and fill me with the Holy Ghost. My home is in St. Louis, Mo., and I am among strangers and would appreciate any Christian literature anyone would care to send me to help me draw closer to God. Thank you for any encouragement.—Wm. McMahon, St. Francis Sanatorium, Colorado Springs, Colo.

My health to be restored; the healing of my little niece who has lately lost her mind and is in the state hospital.—F. E. Burrow, Box 8, Poyen, Ark.

The complete healing of my body, I have a bad stomach trouble of years' standing, and it is getting worse, something like a growth of some kind. My food will not digest, which causes much distress, nervousness and pain. I also have had diabetes for nineteen years and arthritis of the spine and body; my sons overseas; my daughter; unspoken request; my companion to be healed; a son to be healed of a cold and asthma; God to undertake for a sister in the hospital. Encouragement appreciated. — Mrs. Irene Bumgarner, 133 Lee St., St. Albans, W. Va.

A sister in Charleston, W. Va., to be healed of heart dropsy, she is in a bad condition.—Mrs. Flora May Graves,

117 Avon St., Charleston, W. Va.

My husband's healing, he has a stomach ailment of long standing, he is a minister of the gospel and trusts God completely for his healing; a sister who has T. B. and a brother who has a cancer to be healed; unspoken request. — Mrs. Meredith W. McCoy, Rt. 3, O'Donnell, Tex.

The healing of my stomach, the doctor says I have gall bladder trouble. Encouragement appreciated. My home and companion.—Mrs. Dorothy Chapman, Box 884, Smithers, W. Va.

God to undertake for my husband and home; me.—A Christian.

The healing of my mother of heart trouble and high blood pressure.—A Friend.

God to undertake for my husband and children; me to be healed of nervousness.—Sister Oneta Porter, Morenci, Ariz.

The complete healing of my father and mother, both are very sick.—Oney Cook, Norfolk, Va.

My uncle who is afflicted with cancers and a paralyzed hand to be healed. Encouragement appreciated. My cousin who is in the war zone, his parents cannot hear from him and are in much grief.—Dolly Huffmaster.

The healing of Arren Norris, F. 3, Room 323, Oteen, N. C., of T. B., he is unsaved; my husband in Belgium to be saved. My brother-in-law is in a serious condition and unless God undertakes soon there will be no chance; me, I have four small children to care for by myself until my husband returns.—Mrs. E. L. Norris, Lake City, Fla.

My mother to be completely healed of asthma, she is better but is weak and rundown. Encouragement appreciated.—Myrtle McKenzie, Rome, Miss.

The healing of my lip which is cut; unspoken request.—Miss Charlotte Clark, 905 N. Catherine St., Terrell, Tex.

My two brothers in Service overseas.—Mrs. Jerome Hamlin, Rt. 4, Box 632-B, Phoenix, Ariz.

My son who has been reported missing in action in Germany since December 19, 1944, pray that he is safe and that we will hear from him; my husband who is sick to be healed and

saved.—Mrs. G. W. Bozeman, Sarasota, Fla.

My boy in Service. — Mrs. Della Stone, N. Depot St., Westminster, S. C.

Me to be healed of head trouble; Mrs. Nancy J. Keen to be healed; a brother and sister to be healed; my nephew in Belgium to be saved; my son.—Maud E. Asbee, Rt. 1, Box 87, Brooksville, Fla.

The healing of my daughter, Mrs. Ruth Underwood, who is in the Pine Breeze Sanatorium; my three sons in Service.—Mrs. Viola Dobbs, Rt. 2, Soddy, Tenn.

The healing of baby who has something wrong with his feet and knees.—Nettie Wicker, Box 413, Erwin, N. C.

The healing of my family and me, we are afflicted with sores and blood boils. — Sarah Cannon, Rt. 1, West Point, Tenn.

My healing, I am suffering with bladder trouble; my boy in Service.—Lula Pruitt, Norcross, Ga.

The healing of my baby and me; my son overseas.—Mrs. J. M. Leatherwood, Rt. 2, Boaz, Ala.

My mother, Mrs. Rebecca Farmer, who has leakage of the heart and is in the hospital; my sister-in-law, Mrs. Mertie M. Farmer, who is in a serious condition with heart trouble. — Mrs. Mary Stevens, Duty, Va.

The healing of my father and saving of his soul; my husband and me.—Mrs. Marvin Lindsey, Rt. 1, Box 77, Grayson, La.

My husband who is very ill; my little girl who is in bad health; my mother's health to improve. — Mrs. Henry Myers, Brockdell, Tenn.

My son in Service, we haven't heard from him in over seven weeks; me.—Ola Sisk, Gilkey, N. C.

## Son Heard From

Cpl. Joseph Nolen Campbell, son of Sister Viola Campbell, 911 S. St. Clair St., Wichita 12, Kansas, is well and working every day; he is in Camp Osaka. He sends his regards to all his friends. Continue to pray for him, also the others over there.

I thank all you dear saints who have prayed for Nolen, also request your prayers for my other children, and myself. I have had the flu and need your prayers to help me to stand true and continue this race till Jesus says it is enough.—Viola Campbell.



# Reports from the Field

## Fellowship Meeting of the Carrollton, Ga., District

The fifth Sunday fellowship meeting of the Church of God on the Carrollton district was held at Bremen, Ga., December 31.

God met with us and blessed in a mighty way. The power of God came down more than once during the day to bless our souls.

The program was outlined by our district overseer and carried out in a way that caused everyone to enjoy each part of the service. An offering was taken for the work of the Lord, which amounted to \$15. The wonderful messages by Brother Whitley, of Carrollton; Brother Strickland, district evangelist, and Brother Wilkinson, pastor of Buchannon church, were a great blessing and inspiration to every one present.

Requests were given in and special prayer was offered for the boys and girls in Service. Then at the close of the day an altar call was made and one received the Holy Ghost. The service was closed by songs and shouts of praise to God.

The Church of God at Bremen is on the move for God. We lack only a little having the building completed and paid for. It was started one year ago. We greatly appreciate our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Rone Norton. They have done a great work here. We sincerely desire your prayers.—Mildred Daugherty.

## Year's Work Enjoyable

DEERFIELD, Va.—One year ago last September Brother W. E. Johnson, the state overseer at that time, asked me if I would accept the work here, which I did. I enjoyed the year's work. It was not all sunshine, but, as is my custom, I tried to be content with my lot. The people here are very cooperative and are busy for the Lord. He has blessed us in many ways, for which we give Him all the glory. I will mention some of the things the dear folks have done the past year. The church building has been ceiled and painted inside and out. They have paid for a nice upright piano and a new stove for the church. The Willing Workers' Band is buying for the personage a studio couch, mattress, wall boarding, paint, and other things.

Every church needs a Willing Workers' Band. These ladies are now getting ready a box of clothes and some money to send to Jamaica for the people.

A few weeks ago we were favored to have my brother, W. T. Auten, of Miami, Florida, for a short visit. He preached for us while here. As he had just returned from the Bahama Islands and had also spent a few days in Cuba with Brother Case, he told us about the work there. He told of the faithfulness of the interpreter in Cuba. Several dollars were given to send to her. He is very interested in the mission work.

I cannot fail to mention the young people. We read of Sister Culler's contest in Washington, D. C., and decided to try it. The young people are really working, bringing coupons, reading and memorizing scriptures, etc. They are keeping the amount of their offering a secret until the end of the contest. Sister Puffenbarger is president of our Y.P.E., and Louise and Talmadge Graham are the group captains. We appreciate the young people. Pastors, don't neglect them for they need you now as never before. One of our Y.P.E. boys has been home on a furlough. He is being transferred from Florida to Arizona. Pray for him.

We had a Vacation Bible School last summer, which was very helpful to the children. They are looking forward to another. The work is small here and we desire an interest in your prayers that God will keep His great loving hand on us and help us to accomplish all that is possible for His glory. We appreciate our state overseer and wife, Brother and Sister Boatwright.—Pearl Auten.

## REVIVALS

BAXLEY, Ga.—I thank and praise the Lord for what He means to me. I am so glad I heard His voice and heeded His call sixteen years ago, and the Holy Ghost is just as real today as He was then. I have lots to praise the Lord for. About two years after I received the Holy Ghost the Lord healed me of pellagra and just a few years later Brother Rouse prayed for me and I was healed of a bad cancer.

Pray for family and me, that we will stay humble and obedient that God can use us at all times; He means all the world to me.

Words cannot tell how we appreciate our pastor, Brother Lee Walton, and his wife. They have just closed a revival at Baxley and we could never tell how much good has been done here. Several were saved and sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and quite a number added to the church. Brother Walton has done so much for our church. I do not think there is anyone around who doesn't like him, and our church folks can't get along without him. We really love our pastor.

Pray for us at Baxley, that God will continue to bless. Pray for me that I will stay humble at the foot of the cross.—Mrs. W. M. Varnadore, Rt. 1, Box 261.

OAKWOOD, Va.—We thank the Lord for the good revival at the Church of God here at Oakwood which lasted two weeks. The Lord blessed in every service and there were souls crying to our God for help. Eight were saved, three sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water, and three added to the church. We are so thankful to have with us for our evangelist Brother George Berry, of Parrott, Va., a man of God, one who spends his time on his knees talking to the Lord. His messages have meant so much to the church and pastor. We were glad to have his good wife with us in the meeting to assist in fighting the battle for the Lord. Also, Sister Hazel Stoots, of Parrott, with her special singing, proved a great blessing to us all.

We thank the Lord for the way He has helped us throughout the entire year. When we came to Oakwood we were worshipping in a little 20x30 building off the main road, for which we were thankful, but we knew the Lord had something better for His good people here. We began talking to Him about a church building and we found He was pleased for us to have one, so we, with our good people, started to work without any money at all. I believe this was in February. We now have a 30x46 cinder block building, which, when completed, will be valued at \$3,500. We have been worshipping in it since June and have it now half paid for. Yes, the enemy tried to discourage us and we expect

him to keep on working, but if God be for us who can be against us? Bless His good name. I feel like shouting right now. Praise God! Jesus said that we, His Church, were a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, so we do not need to be back in some back street or back alley somewhere; we need to be on the main street. Pray for us at Oakwood.—Herbert A. Stone, pastor.

CLIFTON, S. C.—Here's good news from the Church of God here. A two weeks' revival came to a close November 26, conducted by Rev. T. J. Collins, of Greenwood, S. C. The evangelist left but the revival is still going on in our regular services. The results in the revival were ten saved, nine sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. On Wednesday night after the revival closed, two prayed through to the Holy Ghost. Friday night following, one of our members from the Army, Brother Enoch Church, conducted a cottage prayer meeting and three confessed there. Then last night, December 3, in our regular service, two were saved, two sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, and six more came into the church. God surely has and is blessing us here at Clifton.—Robert A. White, clerk, Cowpens, S. C.

ALTON PARK, Tenn.—We had a wonderful revival at the Alton Park Church of God with Thea F. Jones as the evangelist. The revival drew large crowds from beginning to end. One hundred thirty were gloriously saved, fifty sanctified, twenty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, and forty-two took fellowship with the church.

Many people are interested in the Church, for which we are very thankful. Brother Jones preached some of the most wonderful sermons we have ever heard under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. There was an average of from thirty-five to fifty in the altar each night. One night the Lord was with us in a mighty way; eleven were saved and five filled with the Holy Ghost and people prayed and shouted until about 1:00 o'clock in the morning. This was certainly a wonderful revival and the building was packed until the very last night. The revival spirit will live on in Alton Park. Pray for us.—John D. Smith, pastor.

## CONVENTION PLANS TO REVITALIZE SUNDAY SCHOOL

In response to a widespread demand for an "old-fashioned national Sunday School convention," such a gathering will be held April 30 and May 1 in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

The convention is being sponsored by a general committee consisting of Archer E. Anderson, of Duluth, Minn.; James DeForest Murch, of Cincinnati, Ohio; J. P. McCallie, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; E. M. Riggs, of Springfield, Mo.; Clarence H. Benson, and C. V. Egemeier, of Chicago, Illinois. Fifty or more denominational sponsors will soon be announced. Among the agencies cooperating in the promotion of the National Sunday School Convention are the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association, the Evangelical Teacher-Training Association, and the National Association of Evangelicals.

In a statement to the religious press, Dr. Anderson, chairman of the committee, said, "For many years the conventions of the International Sunday School Association were among the greatest religious gatherings in America. Thousands of superintendents, Bible class teachers, officers, and workers packed the greatest auditorium in the land to hear Christ and the Bible exalted in addresses by great religious leaders, and studied in conferences concerning the varied activities of the Bible School. There were great evangelistic song services, men's Bible class parades, and mass meetings which inspired all to larger accomplishment.

"Now for more than two decades this type of convention has been abandoned. In its place has appeared a coldly intellectual and professional gathering in which the laity are now noticeably absent. The sessions fail to deal with the everyday problems of the local church schools. They lack the strong evangelical note of other years. They do not inspire and lift the soul."

It is believed by many that the recent losses in enrollment in the Sunday Schools of America are largely due to the disappearance of the old-fashioned Sunday School conventions—national, state and community. From 1916 to 1940 Sunday School enrollment in the U. S. A. has decreased 12.6 per cent. The largest decreases were shown by the Northern Baptist

Convention, which reported 1,052,794 in 1926 and 892,872 in 1936. During this period the Southern Baptists dropped from 2,345,630 to 1,644,105 or almost exactly to the place where they were in 1916. The Christian churches saw their Sunday School numbers depleted from 1,000,416 to 761,257, and the Northern Methodists from 3,796,561 to 2,515,181. On the other hand, some groups showed increases. The Assemblies of God led with an increase of more than 300 per cent, the Church of the Nazarene from 109,237 to 136,227, the Pentecostal Holiness Church from 12,772 to 24,261 and the Mennonites from 87,897 to 113,136. The Lutheran Church was the only one of the larger denominations that did not show a loss.

The sponsors of the Chicago meeting April 30 and May 1 believe that it will be the forerunner of a revival of the old-time convention spirit and a new day in Christian education in the churches of America. Definite future plans will be consummated during the convention sessions.

The program will consist of addresses by leading ministers and educators who have made outstanding records in the Sunday School world, and simultaneous conferences on weekday Christian education, daily vacation Bible schools, and kindred educational activities. The closing session will be merged with the opening session of the National Association of Evangelicals Convention the night of May 1. The committee is completing its task of program building and should be ready to make an announcement next month.

It is pointed out that the first national Sunday School convention in America was held in Philadelphia in 1832. There were about 220 delegates representing fifteen states. From this small beginning grew the massive gatherings of the "golden age of the Sunday School." The sponsors of the Chicago gathering expect far larger beginnings for their project.

For further information regarding the convention, address James DeForest Murch, Secretary Church School Commission, 640 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati 3, Ohio. For hotel reservations and other local arrangements write C. V. Egemeier, 800 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The fear of God keeps us from fearing anything else.

## GENERAL OVERSEER SPEAKS

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tion against the enemy of discouragement.

### KEEP OFF THE ENEMY'S TERRITORY TO AVOID WAR

An aggressor will always find someone who will quarrel with him. An invader will always come in contact with the enemy. The Christian will be attacked upon his own territory, but will be in much better position to defend himself than if he should be attacked upon the enemy's territory.

The best and nearest route from Rameses, Egypt, to the nearest point of the promised land would have been long, rough, hard, and discouraging for the families of the Israelites. They rambled, back-tracked, crossed and recrossed their own trails, extended the distance, added to their hardships, and prolonged their time in the fearful wilderness.

Those who travel on the highway of holiness are continually attacked by the enemy. The fight is always easier and victory surer if we keep straight ahead.

### CONCLUSION

The Christian must be able to march through the Red Sea by faith, press his way through the wilderness by determination, go around the land of Edom with courage, travel through the desert with a spring of living water springing up in his own soul, fight the enemy cautiously and hard, climb the mountains with strength, and finally triumph in a victory march through the Jordan into the promised land.

### From the Land of the Northern Lights

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picture, especially when the sun's rays fall across them in the early morning or late evening. When the rays of the sinking sun strike the lofty peaks, their color seems to change to a bright golden red. The trees are usually white with frost and snow and they look like the best decorated trees by the fireside of some home on Christmas Eve.

Last, but not least, we were able to see the sun about 12:30 p. m. After an hour or two, it will be gone again. The days are growing shorter so rapidly that one can almost see a vast difference in a week's time.

I could write more. I have so much I could tell, for instance my first dog-team ride on a sled on a cool morning

about thirty degrees below zero, and other interesting things, but someone else needs space also.

We wish to thank all those who have written letters to us and may God bless you.—George Savchenko.

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

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is for you. "Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord." Sinners, won't you give Christ a chance in your life? The world in general says, "No, not today." Man says tomorrow, God says today. Today is the day of salvation. No doubt many will stand before God in the great judgment, condemned with everlasting punishment, because of intentions of repentance tomorrow, which never came to them. Will that be you, my unsaved friend? Don't let it be. Repent now, even in this hour. Let Christ turn your darkness into pure light and your hatred into love. Christ wants to save you. Will you accept Him?—Kaiser Crane.

Those who lack in love will always lack in service.

## Desire To Be Faithful

I think the Evangel is the most encouraging paper I have ever read. The good sermons, testimonies and the reports, where the Lord is pouring out His Spirit on the work, make me feel more like serving the Lord and walking closer to Him. I want to be a faithful servant, living for Jesus, our King. I ask an interest in the prayers of all that I will ever be faithful. I know there is no way except through the Lord to have peace and joy after death.—A brother, Pfc. Aaron Bittinger.

## Church Blessed During Revival

TRION, Ga.—We recently closed a two weeks' revival with Sister Ann Brown, of Atlanta, doing the preaching. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Several were saved, some sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The whole church was greatly revived. The revival closed with the Lord's supper and feet washing. Sister Brown is a wonderful woman of God and a great evangelist.—E. C. Maples.

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# OBITUARIES

## CARUTHERS

Sister Margaret J. Caruthers was born December 30, 1875, and departed this life October 10, 1944.

Sister Caruthers was one of our faithful ministers. She was licensed on the 20th day of June, 1929. Her husband, who preceded her in death a number of years ago, was one of our pioneer ministers.

In the death of Sister Caruthers, the Church has lost a good minister, the local church has lost a good member, and the community has lost a respectable citizen. The children and relatives have our deep sympathy.—E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary.

## BOYD

Thelma Boyd, a dear sister of the Church of God, died November 24, 1944; age twenty-four years. She was a faithful member for nine years.—Her pastor, Taft Black.

Sister R. T. Watkins, wife of Rev. R. T. Watkins, who preceded her in death over three years ago, passed from this life October 7, 1944; age seventy-four years. She was filled with the Holy Ghost and a loyal member of the Church of God at Bradley, Miss.—Her daughter, Mrs. G. N. May.

## NASON

Sister Cordelia Nason, a faithful member of the Church of God at Jena, La., for a number of years, departed this life October 21, 1944, to be with Jesus.—Mrs. India Smith, Trout, La.

## RAGAN

Sister Alice E. Ragan, a shut-in for many years, but a faithful member of the Nocatee, Fla., Church of God for about sixteen years, went to be with Jesus September 4, 1944; age seventy years.—F. F. O'Bannon, pastor.

## BELLFLOWER

Sister Pearlie Bellflower, a faithful member of the Nocatee, Fla., Church of God for many years, went to be with Jesus December 4, 1944; age sixty-one years. These sisters will be greatly missed. Pray for their unsaved children.—F. F. O'Bannon, pastor.

## JUSTICE

Sister Sophie Justice, a member of the Church of God at Mountain City, Ga., passed away December 6, 1944.—Effie Burton, Mountain City, Ga.

## MARTIN

Our beloved mother, Effie Martin, a faithful member of the Lenoir City, Tenn., Church of God for the past quarter of a century, was born November 5, 1875, and departed this life October 7, 1944.—Her son-in-law, Leon Sheffield F 1/c (E. M.) U.S.N., 604 E. Broadway, Lenoir City, Tenn.

## WISE

Wilburn Wise, of Ravenna, Ky., a faithful member of the Church of God, was born July 1, 1881, and died October 29, 1944. Brother Wise will be missed by his fellow men and the church.—Edd Cox, pastor.

## TAINETA

Jeremiah Taineeta, a faithful member of the Church of God at Big Witch, N. C., was born April 14, 1921, and killed in action somewhere in England on August 15, 1944. While visiting home from the training camp he was converted and baptized. This report is based on the report from the War Department.—A. G. Thompson, acting pastor, Fontana Dam, N. C.

## BERNARD

Mrs. Irene L. Bernard, wife of Rev. D. H. Bernard, of Hammond, La., and a member of the Church of God, went to be with Jesus November 2, 1944; age forty-six years, one month and four days.—D. H. Bernard and family, Hammond, La.

## COX

Luther Cox, a faithful and loyal member of the Aracoma, W. Va., Church of God, departed this life August 7, 1944; age thirty-four years.—His wife, Mrs. Irene Cox, Logan, W. Va.

## SCROGES

Sister Stella Scroges, a faithful member of the Church of God at Mt. City, Ga., went to be with Jesus October 17, 1944, age forty-two years and eleven months.—Rosa Mae Eller, clerk, Rabun Gap, Ga.

## ROBERTSON

Philip L. Robertson, known among us as Grandpa Robertson, a faithful, loyal member of the Church of God at Yakima, Wash., was called home June 24, 1944; age seventy-three years, five months and eight days.—C. Viola Galbraith, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## WEIL

In memory of my darling brother, Pfc. William Cecil Weil, who was killed in action in France October 10, 1944. Cecil is not with us any more, and it is lonely for us without his sweet presence. Those who knew him best remember his kindly love and devotion. We feel he has just gone home and that we shall meet him at the end of life's journey.—His sister who loved him dearly, Josie M. Jerrel, Williston, Fla.

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